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TO: Henry A. Kissinger

FROM: Brent Scowcroft *BS*

1. With regard to the subject of HAKTO 15, the following things  
are happening:

(a) The Press Office is gathering a list of each and every  
allegation which has been made in the "spy case." That list will then  
be reviewed and decisions made on which allegations should receive  
a ~~possible~~ response and what that response should be. The list of  
allegations should be complete within a couple of hours, and I will  
send them to you immediately for any suggestions you may have.  
The proposed response will also be checked with you before release.

(b) Haig directed at Staff Meeting this morning that interviews  
with the press <sup>must</sup> ~~would~~ be reported beforehand to the Press Office and  
that there would be no repeat no backgrounding without explicit prior  
approval.

2. I have an appointment with McNamara for 5:00 p.m. this  
afternoon.

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3. I have spoken with Buzhardt about this whole issue. He, as you know, ran the Defense part of the investigation into the case. He said that you would never know that his report and Young's report even dealt with the same case. Young's report inflated the issue drastically, giving a strong "7 days in May" flavor to it. Young's motivation, according to Buzhardt, is to make a grand national conspiracy out of the case and then to show that he, Young, solved it. In Buzhardt's opinion, the great bulk of the source stories have come from Ehrlichman and Young and he thinks both of them have been very active. (I also think Laird has been participating, but I cannot in any way document that.)

4. It is possible that the story about the tap on Laird's office is a garble or confusion over the Pursley tap. There is absolutely no connection, of course. The Pursley tap was reinstituted on May 2, 1970 and terminated in February 1971, along with all the others.

5. Your press comments have so far not repeat not appeared anywhere in the press, but Janka says that the radio last evening reported your "vicious, malicious, outrageous lie" statement. Will keep you posted.

Warm regards.

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